

February 25, 1944.

Dear Members:

We quietly slid into the second month of the year with the following items of interest:

Emil Felber, W9RH, received the wedding announcement of Ensign Theo. C. Kercher, USN, ex W9INWY, and Jeanette L. Norton, the nuptials having taken place Dec. 18th, 1943.

George Ruger, W9VWG, is the proud papa of a baby girl.

Lester Kelle, ex W9CZX, who was on the air about 10 years ago, is a regular visitor. His interest is again aroused and he wants to participate in our WERS work.

Kenneth Le Gros is our newest club member.

Our treasurer, W9RH, reported that the club purchased two \$25.00 War Bonds of the 4th Loan. This now brings the club's total to nine War Bonds.

Ray Behmke, W9DJC, our former treasurer, was home on a furlough and dropped in to see the gang. Ray is one of the ops. nursing along a 15 KW transmitter that will be going to parts unknown.

The Director of the Museum notified us that the Trustees' Room, our meeting place for the past 25 years, is going to be utilized for other purposes and we have been given, instead, the use of the Conference Room, on the 2nd floor of the Library, next to the elevator. Too bad we had to shift, for to some of us old shellbacks the Museum meant the Trustees' Room, centered around the weekly Thursday night MRAC meetings, and the balance of the Museum displays of fauna, flora, history, philately, etc. was purely incidental.

The 19 WERS units are nearing completion and the tests are taking place to discover the best type of antenna to use.

We made an appeal in the last Bulletin for the Boys to "drop us a line", with the following results:

Pfc. Gilbert W. Rink sent in the first reply. Thanks, Gil, for your promptness and co-operation.

Other replies, in the order received are as follows:

Art Kaufman, W9UHF  
A/C Raymond L. Urban

Ensign W. W. Black, USNR, who wrote, quote, I particularly noticed the piece about W9ANA and the nuptials - It was news to me, and we've been seeing each other every day or so for the last two months..... The "Bull" didn't arrive in time or friend, Louie, would have been given the needle - thoroughly and properly, unquote.

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S/Sgt. Ollie Zander, W9DIJ, wrote, quote, The club bulletin sure gives a fellow a lift. Anything that is passed along is appreciated very much. Things that seem trivial to the folks at home are front page news to a GI, unquote.

Wendell Ciganek, W9SYT, was introduced to pea soup fog in Pittsburgh. Charlie Meyer, W9GVL, also received a letter in which Wendell gave a blow by blow description of how he occupies his time, both by day and by night. All the Boys were highly interested in the night work. All would like individual letters with some of the night work facts in detail. Due to numerous requests, Wendell's address is herewith given: R.C.A. Bldg. 5-6, Camden, N.J.

Pfc. John Holmes

Capt. Fred F. Seifert, W8WNA, ex W9EFX, wrote, quote, I was surprised to hear that Louis Wollaegeer has gone and done it. I thought after being free so long he would think better of it, but it seems to be a fatal mistake we all make, unquote.

Sgt. James Fischer

Sgt. Jack Dock, W9KCY, his V mail letter was sent to Central Radio, forwarded to W9SYT in the east and back again to Milwaukee.

Ronie Hudzinsky, ACHT, USNR, W9JPS

Pvt. John P. Rashinsky. John wrote a very interesting six page letter. Tnx OM.

Pfc. Steve Rukavina, W9DDB, Steve's four pages of humor surely tickled the Boys. He wrote quote, ....being a former phone man on 160, it's not my fault. I can't help being talkative, my father was a tobacco auctioneer and my mother was a woman, and at the age of seven they vaccinated me with a phonograph needle, unquote.

All letters were read at the club meetings, comments appreciated, recorded in the minutes, addresses corrected and checked. Thanks much, fellows, we wish that we could quote more of the interesting items from the letters, but space does not permit.

Many letters have been received inquiring about the status of club members, in military services and civilian positions away from Milwaukee. Non-members have inquired about joining the club and what the dues are. We will, therefore, endeavor to answer those questions:

All members that left Milwaukee, in good standing, for military service are exempt from payment of dues for the duration.

All members that left Milwaukee for positions elsewhere, can retain their membership at the reduced rate of \$1.00 a year.

Non-members in the military services can join the club by paying a total of \$1.00 for initiation and two months' dues and then, as members, are exempt from dues for the duration.

Non-members away from Milwaukee can join the club by paying \$1.00 for initiation and two months' dues and \$1.00 per annum thereafter, as a passive member, until they return to Milwaukee.

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We wish, at this time, to stress the motto, "Of, by and for the Amateur". Our appeal is to all club members and non-members; in military service and in civilian jobs. Pay your A.R.R.L. membership dues, and if not a member, join as soon as possible. We must back the A.R.R.L. 100% if we wish to have our amateur radio status restored as soon as possible after the war. The A.R.R.L. must have our support as members to show a formidable organization for post-war planning, and in order to fight for amateur frequencies, aims and policies. We have a very necessary organization in the A.R.R.L., the officers and staff are experienced and well qualified. Their task will not be an easy one. So please, fellows, back them up by paying your A.R.R.L. dues or joining up.

The A.R.R.L. dues for club members are \$2.00 a year, for non-members \$2.50 a year. Enclosed herewith you will find an application for membership. Fill it out and send us your money, and we will take care of the rest. If you already are a member, pass the application to an amateur who is interested.

In the meantime, take good care of yourselves.

73's,

The Gang.

P.S. - Drop us a line, keep us informed on any change of address. Address all correspondence to:

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